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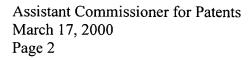Washington, DC   20231

RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: PLANT CHROMOSOME COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS – Daphne Preuss, Gregory Copenhaver and Kevin Keith*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 204-page patent specification including 231 claims and an abstract. Included with the specification is a 40 page sequence listing comprising SEQ ID NOS:1-179. Also included with the specification is a 1142 page appendix giving the sequences identified in the specification by SEQ ID NOS:180-212. Further included are FIGS. 1-23D on 65 sheets. The specification, drawings, sequence listing and appendix constitute the application of Daphne Preuss, Gregory Copenhaver and Kevin Keith for the captioned invention.

Please note that this application is filed **without** an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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